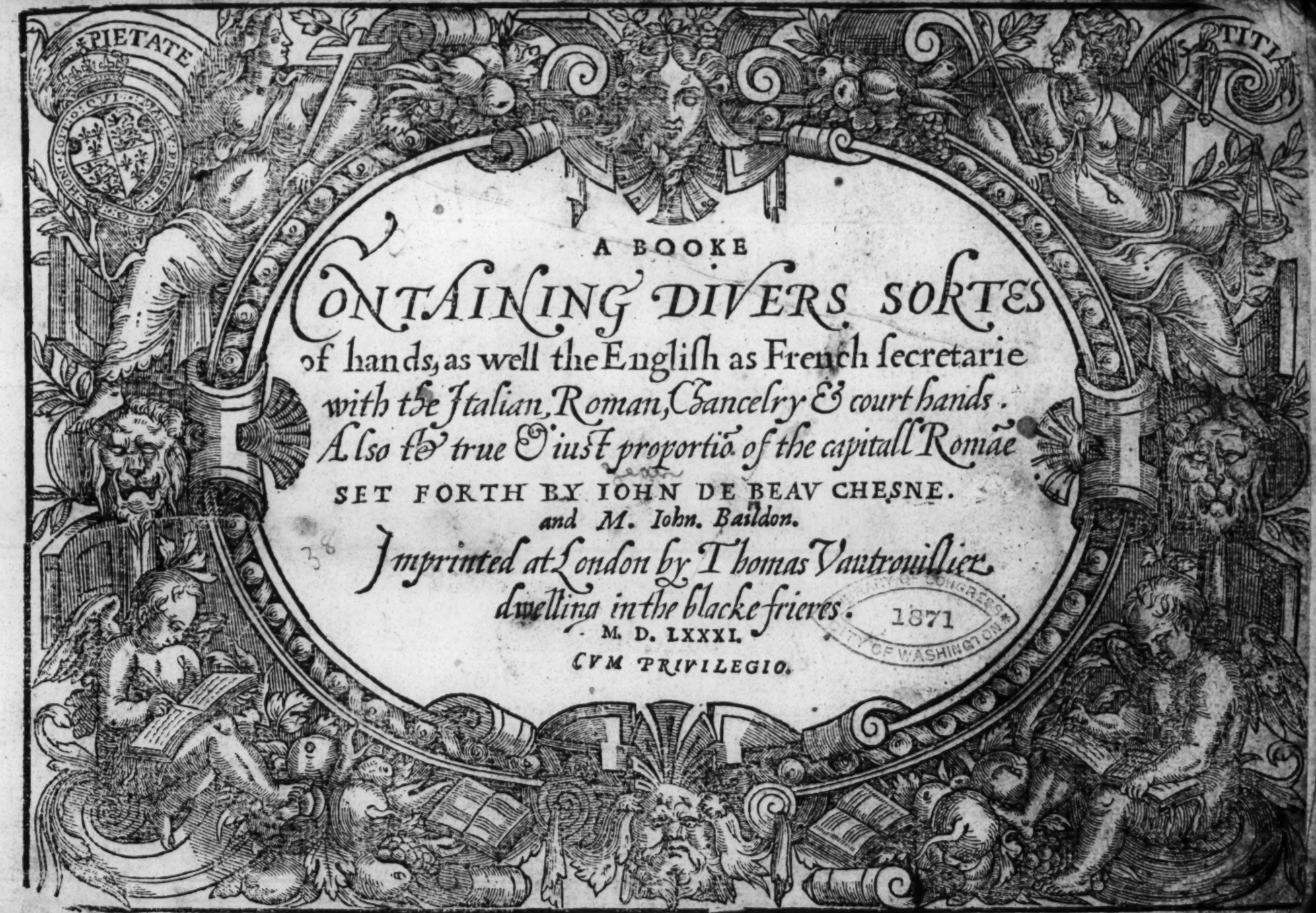


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*Tuæ celſitudinis humillimus ſeruus,*
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Romanæ ſeminſupinæ.

Diligentia in omnibus rebus plurimum valet: hæc præcipuè colenda eſt nobis, hæc ſemper adhibenda, nihil eſt quod non hæc aſſequatur: qua una virtute omnes reliqꝫ virtutes continentur.

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# RVLES MADE BY E. B. FOR Children to VVrite by.

TO make commō inke, of wine take a quart,
Two ounces of gumme, let that be a part,
Fiue ounces of galles, of copres take thre,
Longe ſtanding doth make it better to be:
If wine ye do want, raine water is beſt,
And then as much ſtuffe as aboue at the (leaſt.
If inke be to thicke, put vineger in,
For water doeth make the colour more dymme.

*To make inke in haſte.*

In haſt, for a ſhift when ye haue great neede,
Take woll, or wollen to ſtand you in ſteede,
Which burnt in the fyre, the powder beate ſmall:
With vineger, or water make Inke withall.

*To keepe Inke longe.*

If incke ye deſire to keepe longe in ſtore,
Put bay ſalt therein, and it will not hoare.

*To make ſpeciall blacke Incke.*

If that common Incke be not to your minde,
Some lampblacke thereto with gumme-water grinde:
Eche painter can tell, how it ſhould be done,
The cleaner out of your penne it will ronne:
The ſame to be put in horne or in leade,
No cotton at all: when longe it hath ſtayed,
The bottome will thycke, put more common Incke:
And it will be good well ſturred, as I thinke.

*To make ſtanche graynes.*

Make ſtanch grayne of allume beaten full ſmall,
And twiſe as much roſen beaten withall.
With that in a fayre cloute knit very thinne,
Rubbe paper or parchment, before yē beginne.

*To chuſe your quille.*

Take quill of a gooſe, that is ſomewhat rounde,
The third or fourth in winge to be founde:
And if at ſome time of thoſe ye do want,
Take pinion as next, when Rauens quill is skant,
And riue it iuſt in the backe as may be.
For ragged your ſlit elſe ſhall ye ſee,
A middle the ſlipe that ronnes vp the quill:
Were it of gander ye doe it not ſpill,
The feather ſhaue of, the quill do not pare,
The ſtronger your penne in hand ye may beare.

*To make your penne.*

Make clift without teeth, your penne good and hard:
Thinner, and ſhorter, on right hand regard:
The clift ſomewhat long, the neb not too ſhort,
Then take it in hand in moſt comely ſort.

*To hold your penne,*

Your thombe on your penne as higheſt beſtowe,
Tha foreſinger next, the middle belowe:
And holding it thus in moſt co mely wiſe,
Your Body vpright, ſtoupe not with your head:
Your Breaſt from the bourd yf that you be wiſe,
Leaſt that ye take hurte, when ye haue well fed.

*To make a good penneknife.*

Your penne-knife as ſtay in leaſt hand let reſt,
The mettell to ſoft nor to hard is beſt:

To ſharpe it may be, and ſo cut to faſt,
If it be to dull, a ſhrewd turne for haſt:
For whetſtone, harde touch that is very good,
Slate or ſhooe ſoule is not ill, but good.

*Hovv to ſit vvriting.*

Your Body vpright, ſtoupe not with your heade,
Your Breaſt from the bourde when you haue well fed:
Inke alwayes good ſtore on right hand to ſtand,
Browne paper for great haſt, or elſe box with ſand:
Dip Penne, and ſhake Penne, and touch Pennes for heare:
Wax, quilles and penne-knife ſee alwayes ye beare:
Who that his paper doeth blurre or elſe blotte,
Yealdes me a Slouen it falles him by lotte:
In learning full ſlowe write at beginning,
For great is your loſſe, and ſmall is your winning,
If at the firſt time, an ill touch ye catch,
Vſe onely is cauſe of ſpeedy diſpatch.

*Hovv to vvrite fayre.*

To write very fayre, your Penne let be new,
Diſh, daſh, longe tayle flie, falſe writing eſchew:
Neately and cleanely your hand for to frame,
Strong ſtalked penne vſe, beſt of a rauen.
And comely to write, and giue a good grace,
Leaue betweene eche word a letters ſpace,
That fayre and ſeemely your hand may be read.
Keepe euen your letters at foote, and at head:
With diſtaunce a like betwene letter and letter:
One out of others ſhewes much the better.

Scholer to learne it may do you pleaſure,
To rule him two lines iuſt of a meaſure:
Thoſe two lines betweene to write very iuſt,
Not aboue or belowe write that he muſt:
The ſame to be done is beſt with blacke leade,
Which written betwene, is clenſed with breade.
Your penne from your booke but ſeldome remoue.
To follow ſtrange hand with drie penne firſt proue.
Many one writeth the example lyeth by,
Who ſo on the ſame doeth neuer ſet eye:
But he that will learne with ſpeede for to write,
To marke his example muſt haue his delight,
Letter and title to make as the ſame,
And ſo ſhall the ſcholer be voide of all blame.

*Neceſſarie thinges belonginge to vvritinge.*

And one thing well marke, your ſelfe well to eaſe,
That none but beſt handes may alwayes beſt pleaſe:
Both farre of, and neare for fayre handes doe ſeeke,
And them ſafe as golde, ſee that thou well keepe,
And neuer let reſt thy hand for to frame,
Vntill that thou write as fayre as the ſame.
To writing belonges good thinges two or three,
As Drawing and Painting, and eke Geometrie.
The which, I would wiſh each wight ſhould obteine:
But ſurely to ſome it were too great paine.
So fare you well, without booke well learne,
Theſe few Rules I giue, which are as the ſterne,
To rule a good Scholer, which doeth his minde bende,
To follow good counſell, and ſo I doe ende.

# The texte hand.

All men are by nature equal, made all by one workman of like myre, & howesoeuer we deceaue our selues as dere vnto God is the poorest begger. as the moste pompous Prince liuing in the worlde. Plato

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Bastard secretary

Blessed is that man that fyndeth a vertuouse wife, for the nombre of his dais shall be doble A vertuouse woman is a noble and excellent giste and there is no weight of golde to a mynde that can rule it selfe in prosperitie & aduersitie

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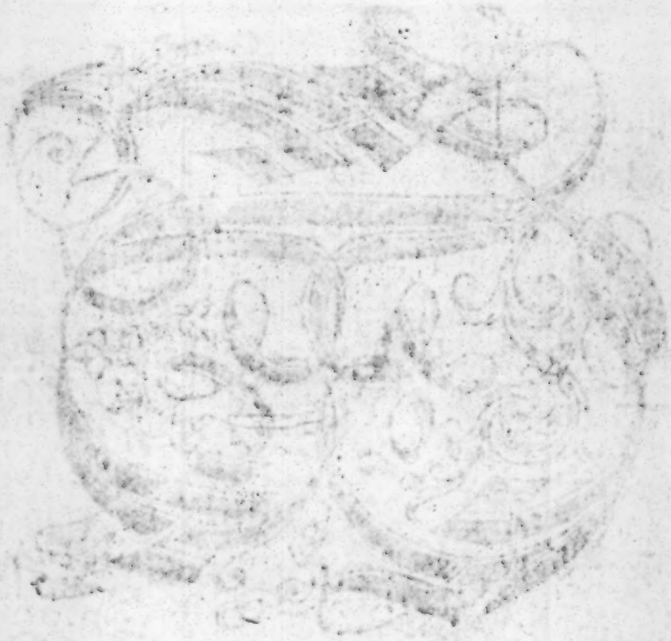
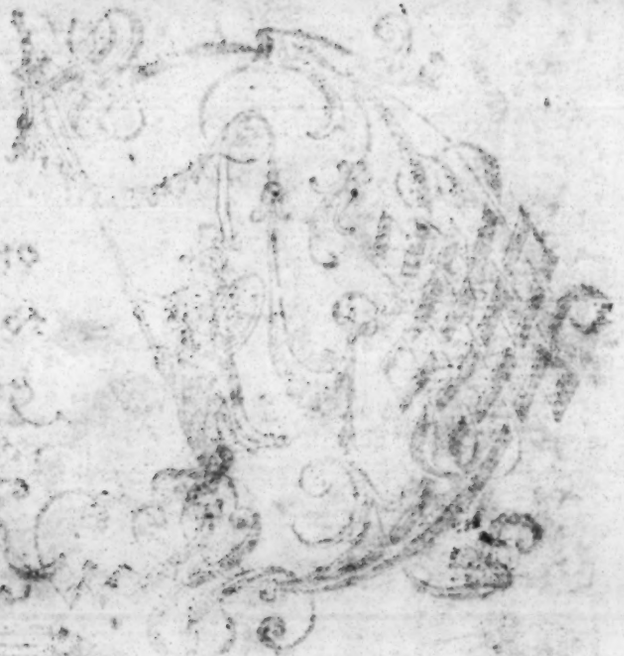


A small bastard secretary.

Commyte not the gouuernaunce of the people to a childe, to a fole, to a couuetouse manne, nor to hasty person that is desyrouse of reuengeaunce: but to the learned and prudent, being sober, ready to gene counsayle hauing good reporte, being experte in all godly laxxes.



The secretary hand.

Do nothing but that whiche is rightfull and iust: cleave to the truthe. Abstayne frome vyte. geue place to your betters and elders, refrayn frome swearing, ymytate vertue, moderate your lusts and affections, prayse honest things, hate debate, be mercifull to the penitent alwayt

John De Beau Chesne London 1581

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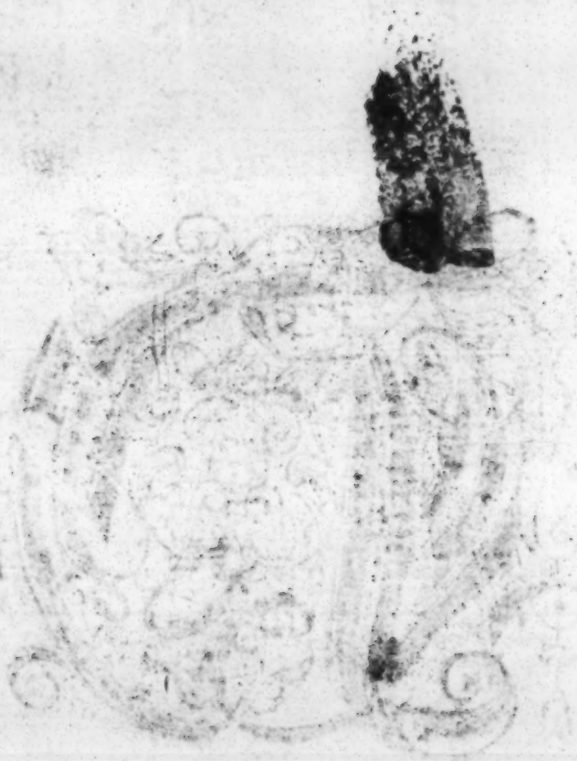

## Secretary.

Enter in at the straite gate, for wyde is the gate and brode is the waie that leadeth to destruction: and many there be that go in thereat But straite is the gate and narowe is the waie whyche leadeth vnto life and fewe there be that finde that way

John De Beau Chesne, London, 1581.

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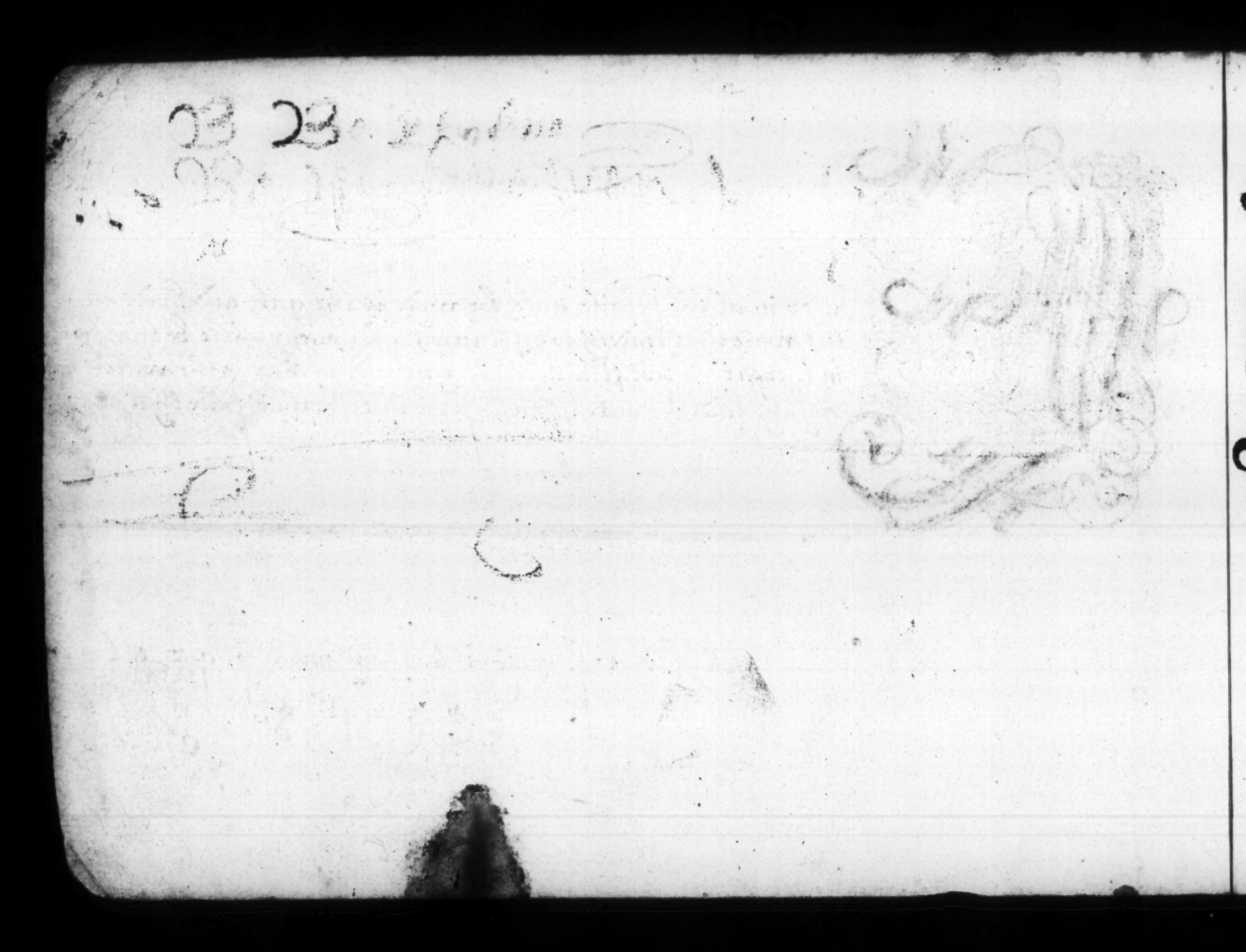

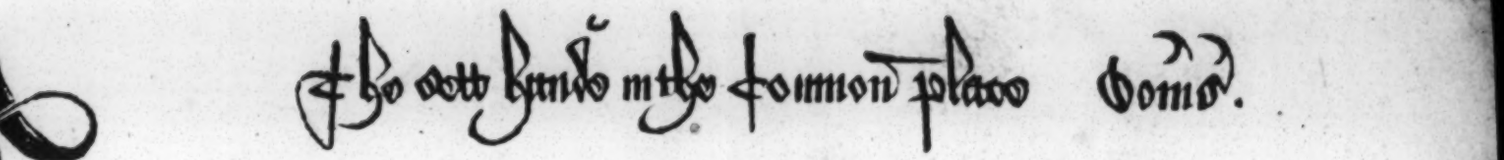

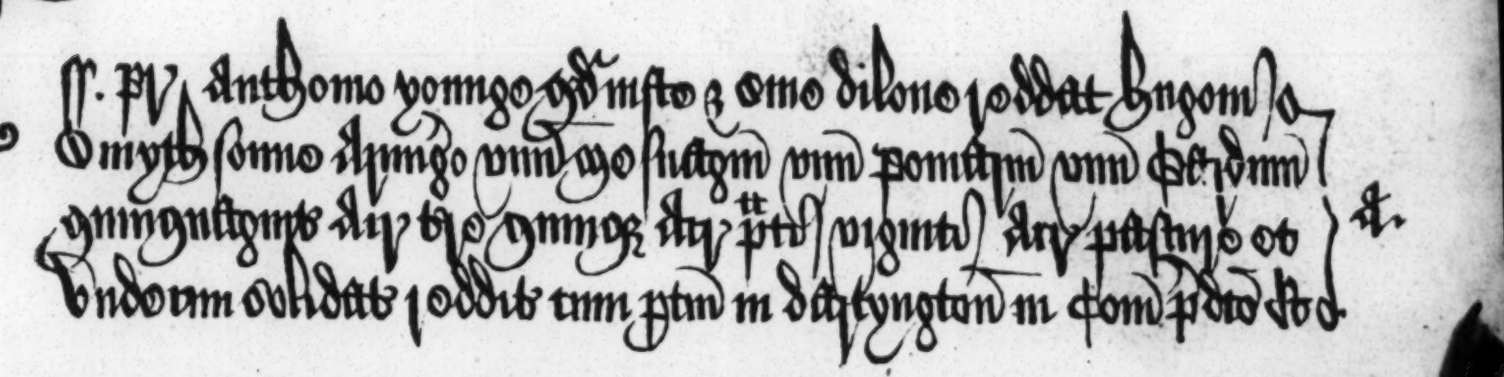

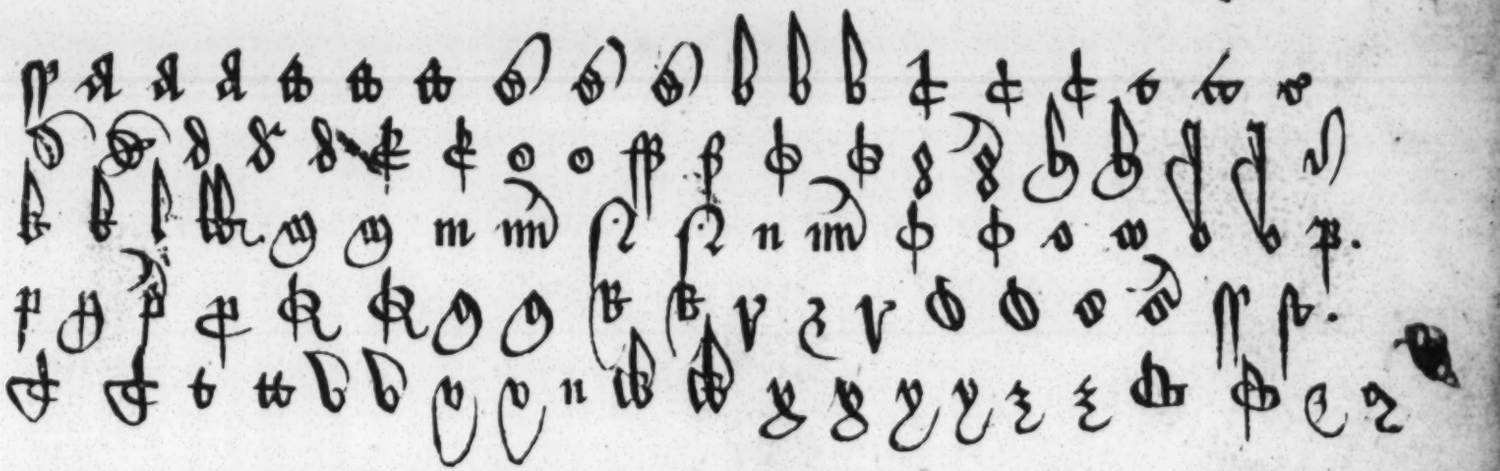

# Secretarye hande.

ene not that whiche is holy vnto doggs, neither caste ye
your pearles before swyne, leaste they treade them vnder
their feete. and the other turne agayne and all to rent you
dye and it shalbe geuen yow. seke and ye shall fynd. helpe

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y z ſ ſt w &.

# The sett chauncery hande.

He deserueth great thasticement that with fearefull hardynes as a foole determyneth hymself in high and difficill thinges with hastie councell whiche requireth long determynacion & aduice.

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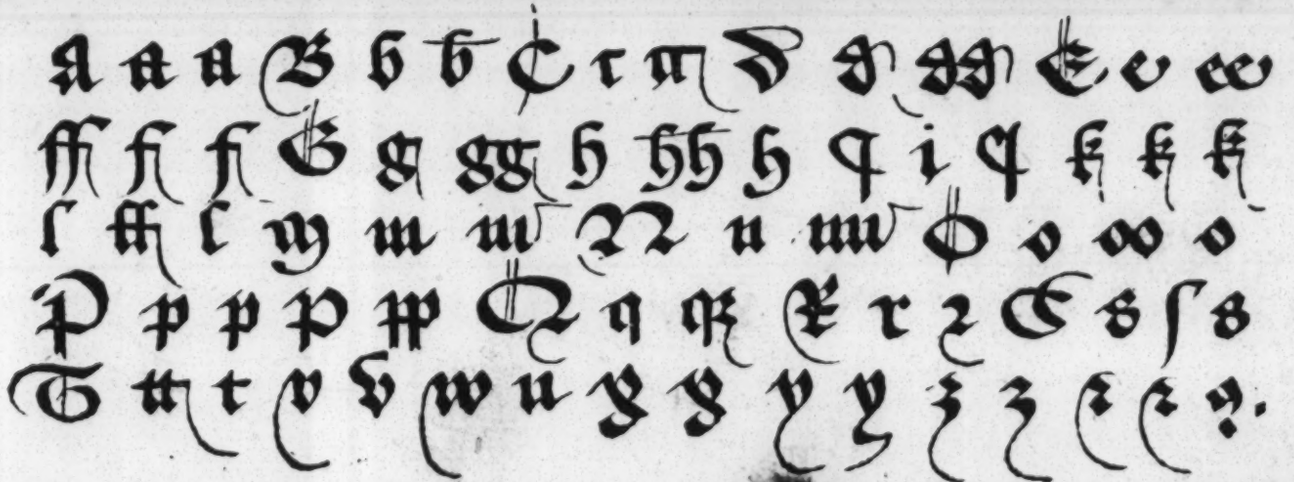

# Italique hande

t is the part of a yonge man to reuerence his elders, and of ſuche to choose out the beſte and moſte commended whoſe counſayle and auctoritie hee maye leane vnto: For the vnſkilfulneſſe of tender yeares muſt by old mens experience, be ordered & gouern.

A B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R

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# The secretarie hande

Learninge is vnto a wisemann a Jewell of goulde and like an armelet vpon his righte arme, a foolishe mannes foote is soone in his neighbourres howse, but one that hath experience shalbe ashamed at the person of the mightie, a folle will pepe in at the windowe into the howse but he that is well nourtured will stande withoute.

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Letter Prayer & Sentence.

Be not carefull not at the workes of sinners, but trust in the Lord, and abide in thy labour: for it is an easie thing in the sight of the Lord suddenly to make a poore man rich. The blessing of the Lord is in the wages of the godly.

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Lettre entrelacee.

omber not thy self in the mul-
titude of the wicked, but re-
member that vengeance wil
not flacke.

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Lettre coupee.

Of all the giftes of God, wisedome is the most excellent. She geueth goodnes to the good, and forgiueth ye wicked their wickednes: She ordreth the minde, shee directeth the life, and ruleth the workes therof teaching what ought to be done, and what to be left vndone. Plato.

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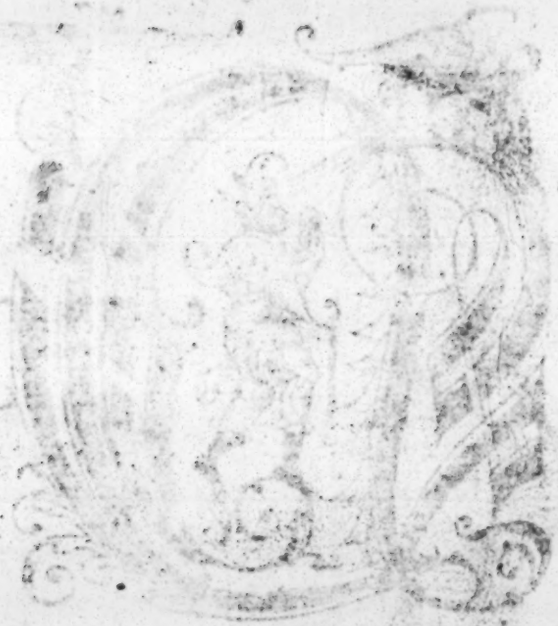

## Romaine letter.

Ouertie and ſhame is to him that refuſeth inſtructiõ:
But he that regardeth correction ſhalbe honoured.
A deſyre accompliſhed deliteth the Soule: but it is
an abomination to fooles to departe from euil doige.

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tt.u.w. x.y.z. &. &, ct. ſt. æ.

# Italig Letter

uarell not with a mighty man, lest thou chaunce
to fall into his handes, and make not variaunce
with a riche man, lest he happen to bring vp
an hard quarell against the.

A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M.
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A small secretary.

Reioyce not at the fall of thine enemy, neither
let thy herte be gladd, whey as he stumbleth, least the lorde, whey he seeth
it be angry, and so turne his wrathe frome him unto the. Therfore if thy
enemy hunger geue him meate, and if he thirst geue him drinke. (3) R

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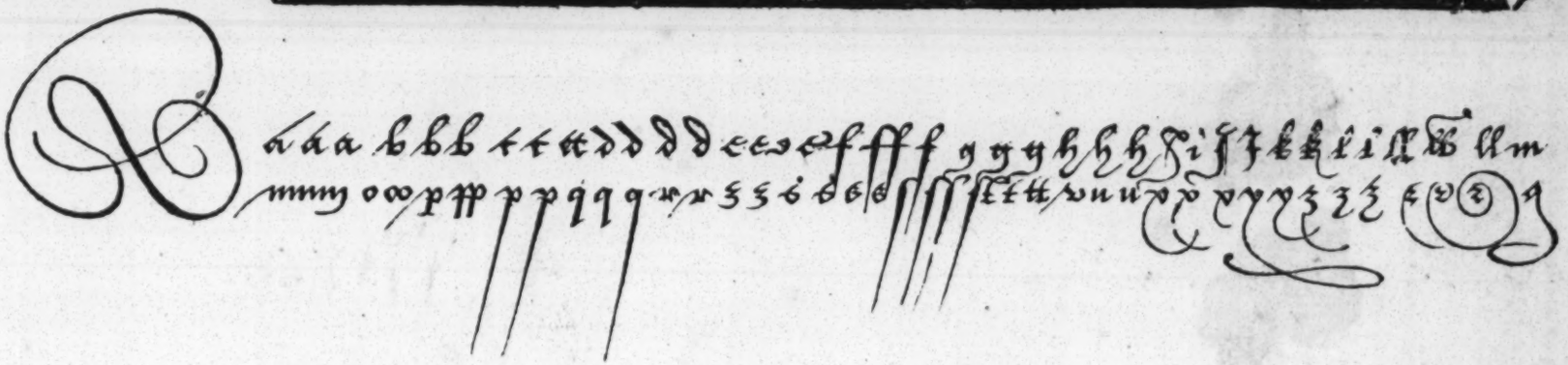
## A small glosing hand

To a wise man none euil maie hapen. for he standeth vpright vnder euerie bourden: nothing maie apaire him, nothing may displease him that ought to be borne, for what so euer hapen to man, he neuer complaineth that it hathe thanneed vnto him. All thingc ought to be forthought on, and the mynde fortified mightely.



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ime inordinatlye taken, troubleth mans
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ebleth remembraunce, ſendeth in forgetful
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forth ſluggiſhnes.
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# Lettre batte.

enocrates saithe Slepe not without repentaunce for thye sinnes done and past: Repentance deserueth pardon. It is the duetye of a good manne and a pointe of humanitye, to forgeeue where ye parte, that is forgeeuen repentethe and is ashamed of his fault.

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# The bastard Secretary.

If thow haddest the wisdome of Salomon, the bewtie of Absolon, the puissaunce of Sampson, the long lyfe of Enoch, the richesse of Cressus, the power of Octauian; what can all this auayle the, whan the body is dead &c.

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Lettre frizee.

enophon saithe the loue of this vain and wicked worlde
makethe menne to doe manye thinges cõtrarie to the lawe
of thaire conscience. For in them y^t loue the worlde, is
there little regarde of God: neither doth his loue abide in them

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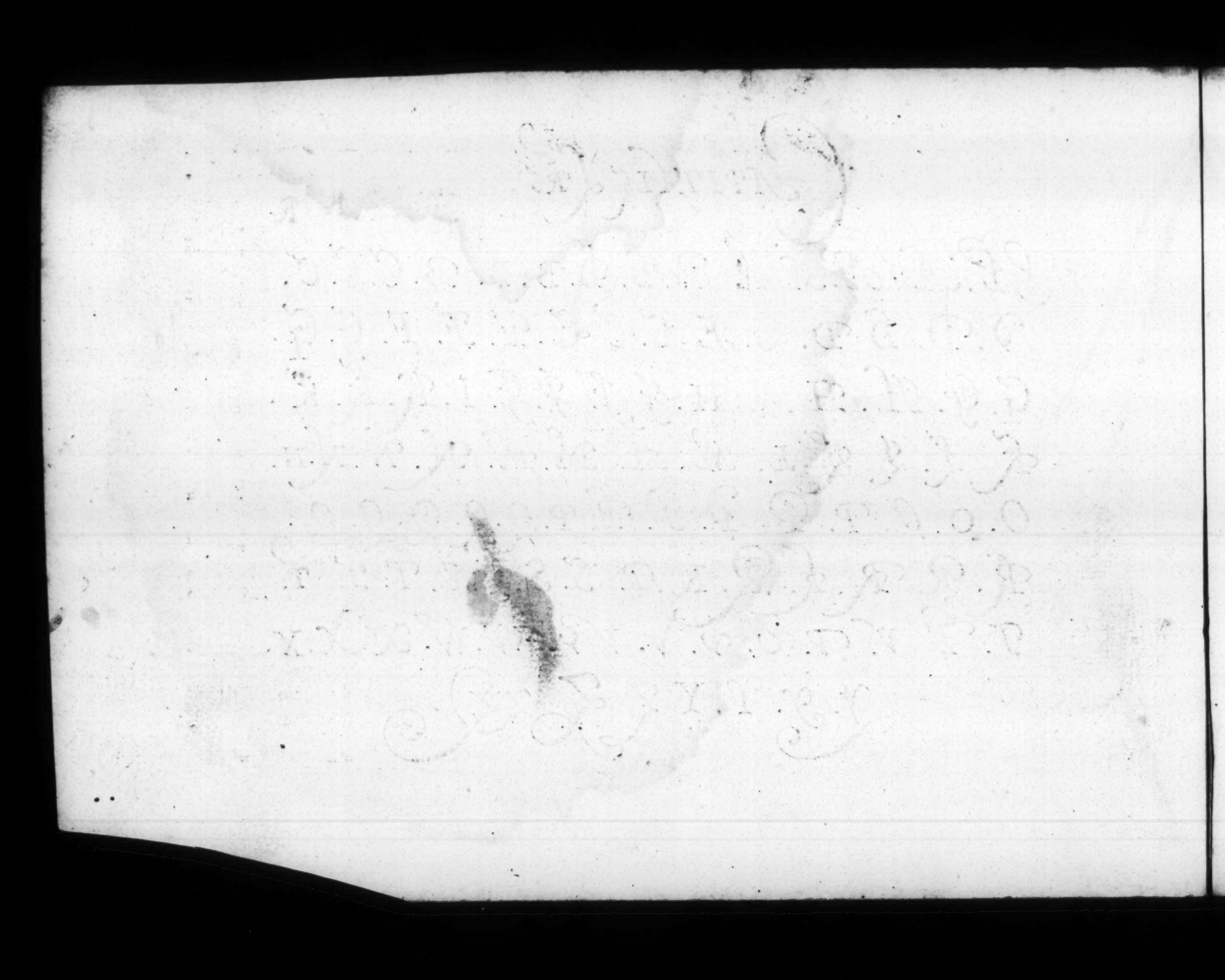

# Lettere Piacevole.

Demostene dice, che a nobili, & honesti huomini in prima si conviene la beltà del volto, & la moderazione dell'animo: & che queste due parti hanno bisogno di fortezza: & che l'altre dilicatezze, & lasciui hanno grazia nell' herbe, & fiori.

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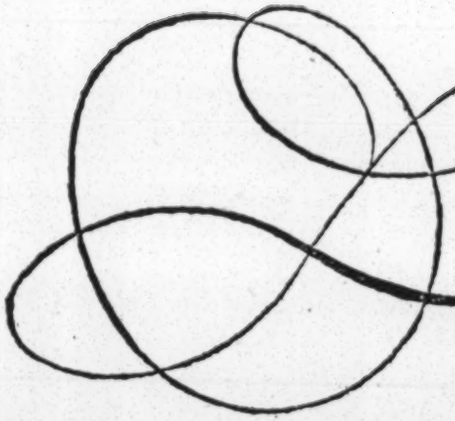
# Lettre Francoyse paree.



Eusebe philosophe disoit que, cestoit chose tresdifficille de congnoistre Dieu: et ne pouuons dire en quelle maniere il est a comprendre: pource que nous ne sommes suffisans auec le corps d'exprimer vne chose sans corps. car la chose parfaicte ne peult estre exprimee par l'imparfaicte vne chose eternelle auec ce qui prend fin, n'a point de conuenance.

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A B C D E F G H I K L M N O P Q R S T V

Soustiens Verité, & parle franchement.

Soustiens la Verité: ne differe iamais,
Quand tu auras moyen, de faire les biens faicts:
Mais refuse hardiement si loy te faict requeste
Ce dont qui ne soit ne bonne, ni honneste

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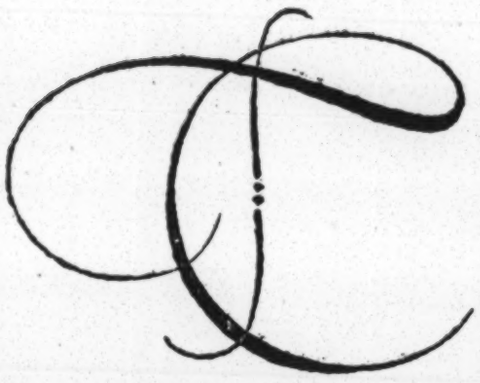
Ne fais chose dont tu te doiues repentir



Cien ton secret caché, & pour quelque apparence
Garde toy sagement d'en donner congnoissance
Car l'esprit est muable; & tel est ton amy
Lequel peut deuenir ton mortel ennemy

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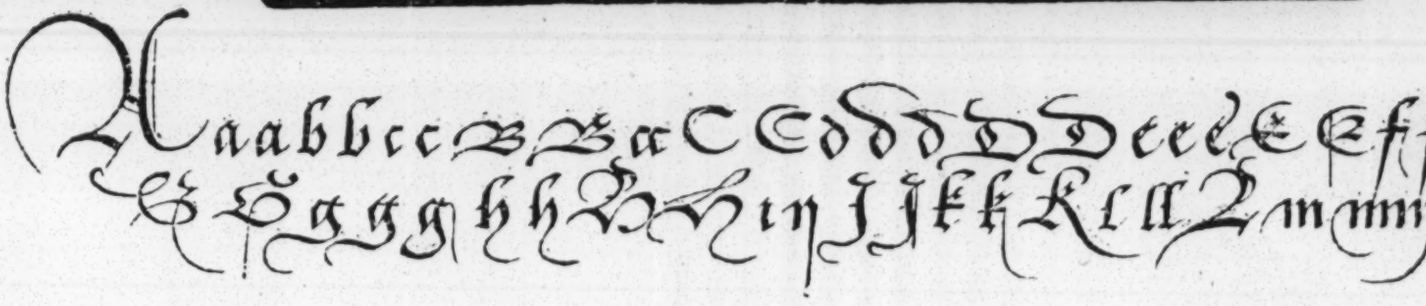
v u v w x x y y z z &.

# The Bastard secretary.

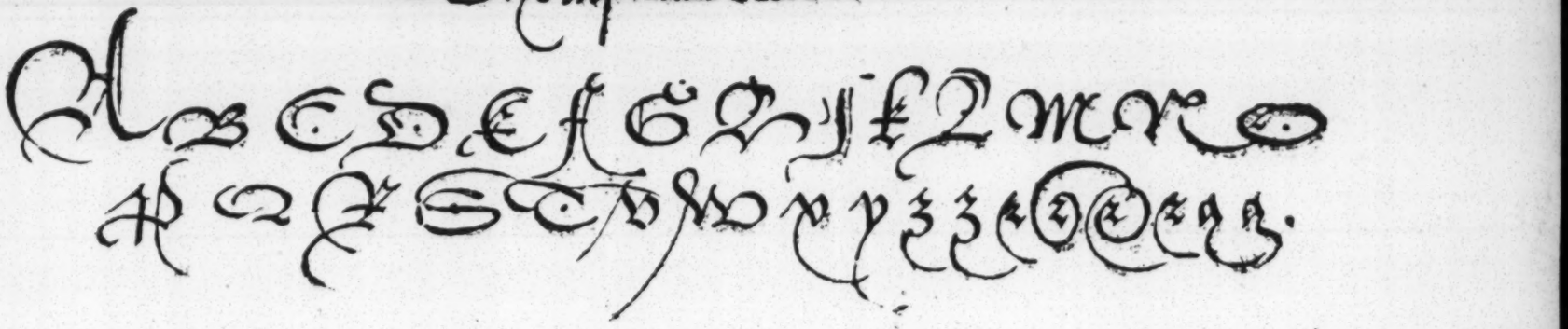
Cireneo Theodoro quum Hysmachus rex crucem minare„
tur: istis quæso (inquit) ista horribilia minitare purpu„
ratis tuis. Theodori quidem interest, humiue aut subli„
me putrescat.



## A bastard secretary.

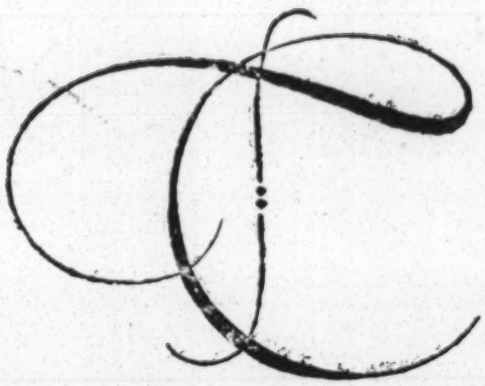
Eque pena adijs immortalibus periuro, hęc mendacio
constituta est: non enim ex pactione verborum, quibus
iusiurandum comprehenditur, sed ex perfidia, ac malitia,
per quam insidię tenduntur alicui, Dij immortales irasci, ac
succendere consuerunt.

## The capitall letters.



Omnis animi debilitata et humilis et fracta timiditas,
seruitus est verum Cicero inquit, nequissimum illum
esse seruum, cui mulier imperat; cui leges imponit, pre-
scribit, iubet, uetat quod uidetur: qui nihil imperanti &c.

Ne fais chose dont tu te doiues repentir



Cien ton secret caché, & pour quelque apparence
Garde toy sagement d'en donner congnoissance
Car l'esprit est muable; & tel est ton amy
Lequel peut deuenir ton mortel ennemy

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a b c c d d d d e e f ff g g h h i i k l l l
m m m n n n o p q r r s ss s & & t tt t
v u v w x x y y z z &.

A.B.C.D
E.F.G.H

# E E C H

# V B C D

I K L M
N O P Q

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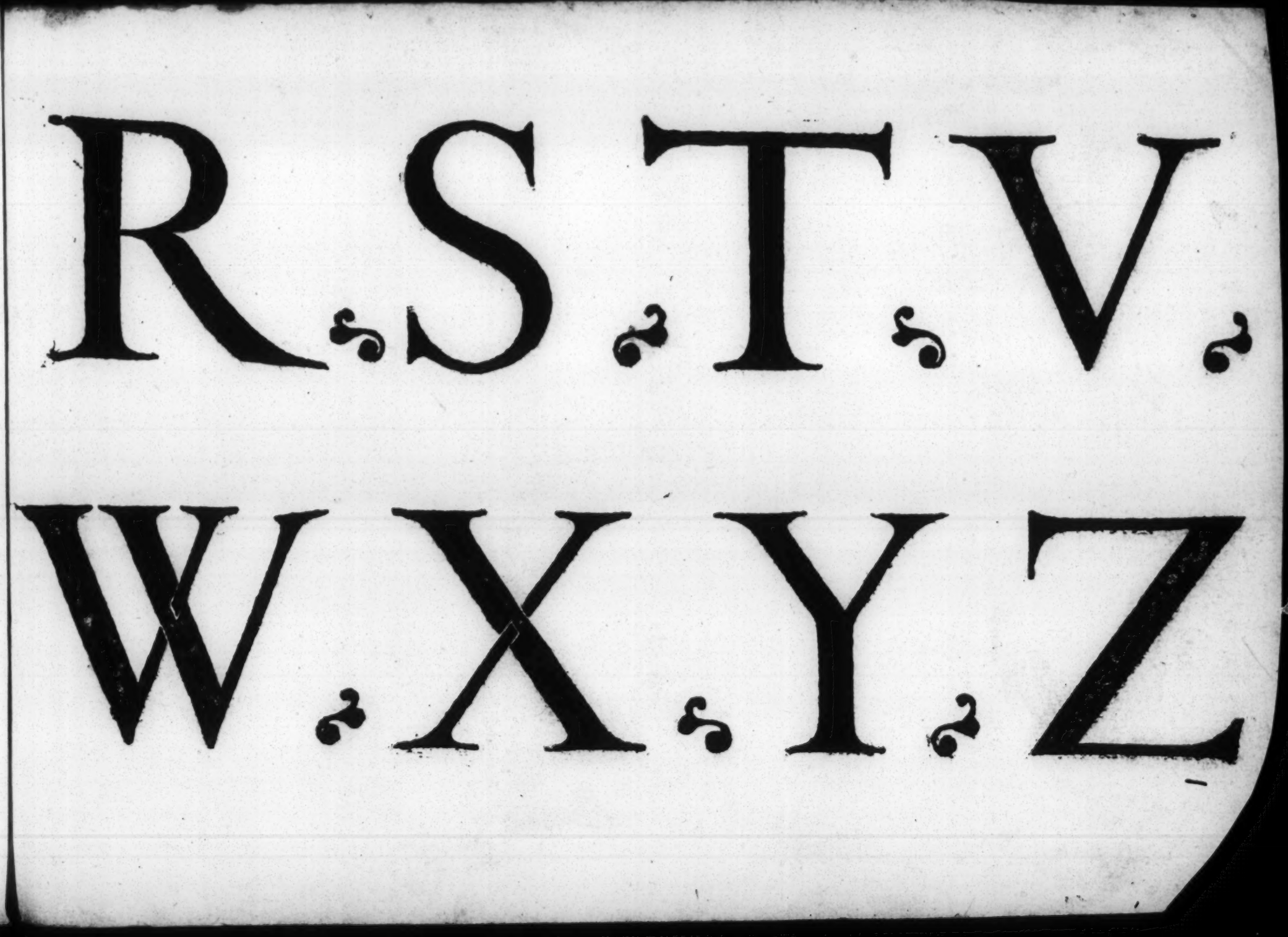
R S T V
W X Y Z

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W X Y Z

a.b.c.d.e.f.g.

h.i.k.l.m.n.

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h i j k l m n o

o.p.q.r.s.t.u.

x.y.z.&.ct.æ.

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# œ.w.uu.ſt.

# cedo nulli.

Aus W. Lut.

Aus Lut.

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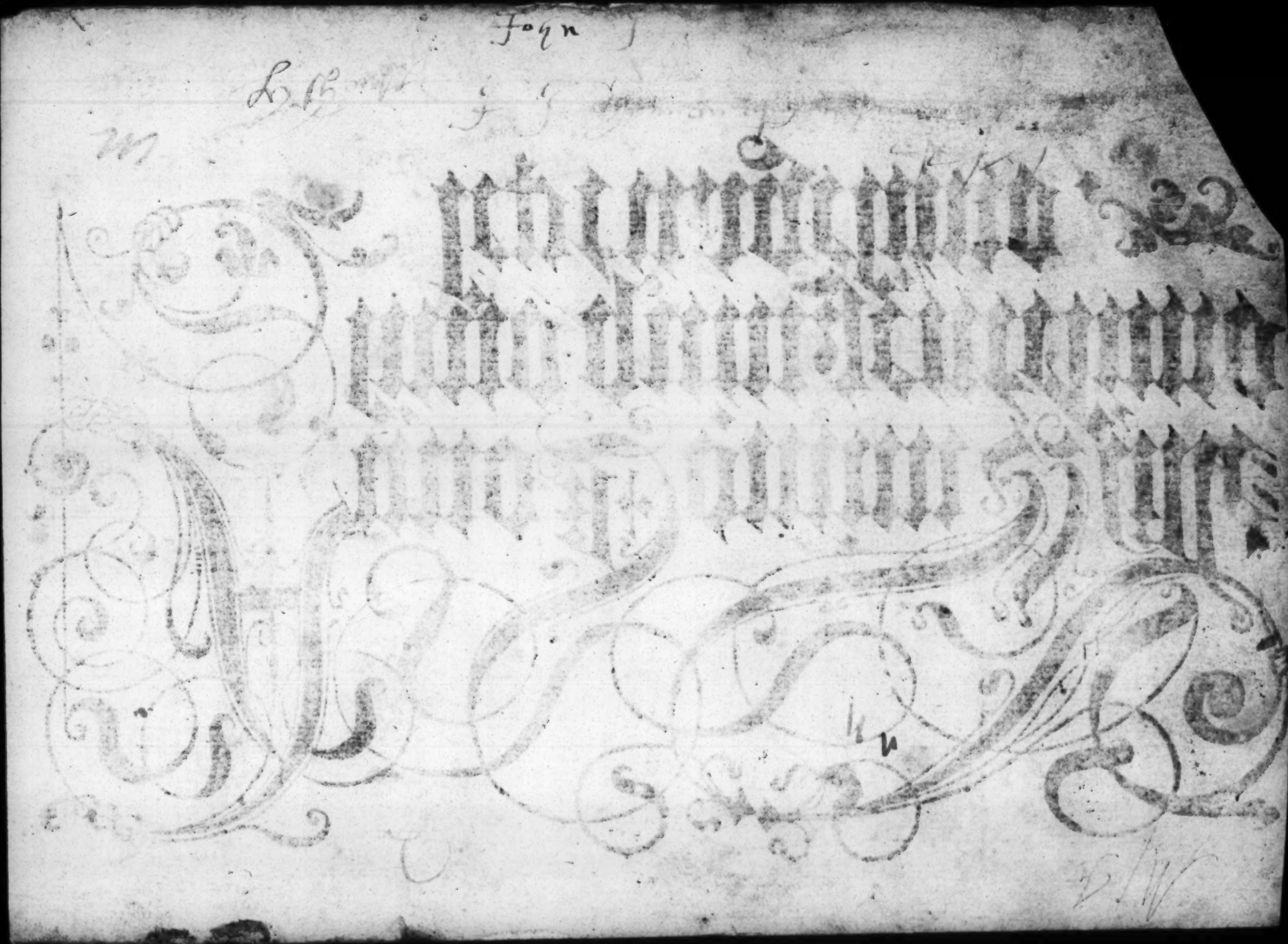
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